Mountain Weather Forecast

Northwest Highlands

Including Sutherland, Ben Wyvis, Wester Ross, The Cuillin, Glen Affric, Glen Shiel and Knoydart
Forecast valid from 00:00 on Thursday 13 Apr 2023 until 23:59 on Friday 14 Apr 2023

Forecast Issued on Wednesday 12 Apr 2023 at 15:58 by Met Office Aberdeen

Confidence: High for showery conditions Thursday and Friday then for dry weather on Saturday. Lower confidence for details from Sunday.

Headline for Thursday 13 Apr 2023: Sunny spells and scattered showers, wintry on the tops. Winds easing.

Mountain weather hazards on Thursday 13 Apr 2023

Blizzards
No Likelihood

Heavy persistent snow
No Likelihood

Storm force winds
No Likelihood

Gales
No Likelihood

Severe chill effect
Low Likelihood

Poor visibility
Low Likelihood

Thunderstorms
Low Likelihood

Heavy persistent rain
No Likelihood

Strong sunlight
Low Likelihood

Weather and chance of precipitation at 800m							
Time							
00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00
Cloudy	Light snow	Light snow	Sunny intervals	Light snow showers	Light snow showers	Light snow showers	Partly cloudy (night)
Precipitation probability							
20%	60%	60%	20%	40%	40%	40%	20%

Forecast for Thursday 13 Apr 2023

Weather: Mainly cloudy with showers overnight and early in the day, falling as snow above 500m. These soon dying out in the morning then a lot of dry and bright weather. Scattered showers developing in the afternoon, falling as sleet or snow above 700m. The odd one could be heavy with hail and thunder in the south but dying out during the evening

Chance of cloud-free hill tops above 800m: 20% overnight, becoming 70% during morning.

Low cloud and visibility: Poor with snow and cloud above 500m overnight. Visibility becoming mainly good through the morning but locally poor in any showers with patchy cloud down to 500m.

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Height (m)	Wind Speed mean/gusts (mph)					Wind Direction (blowing from)			
	00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1000	27/35 E	20/28 E	21/26 SE	18/24 E	9/14 SE	7/10 SW	6/9 W	8/11 S	10/14 S
900	27/35 E	21/29 E	19/24 SE	18/24 E	9/14 SE	6/10 SW	6/9 W	8/11 S	9/14 S
600	16/25 E	15/24 E	12/18 SE	12/19 E	8/13 SE	5/8 S	5/8 W	6/9 S	7/11 S
300	9/26 E	9/22 E	3/16 E	8/18 E	5/11 SE	5/10 W	4/8 W	3/8 S	3/10 S
Glen	13/24 E	13/22 E	11/19 E	10/17 E	6/11 S	6/10 NW	6/10 NW	5/10 S	5/10 SE

Height (m)	Temperature / Feels Like (°C)								
	00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1000	-3/-11	-3/-10	-2/-10	-2/-8	0/-4	1/-2	-1/-4	-1/-5	-2/-6
900	-2/-10	-2/-9	-2/-8	-1/-7	1/-3	2/-2	0/-3	-0/-4	-1/-5
600	0/-5	1/-5	1/-4	2/-2	4/1	4/2	3/1	2/-0	1/-2
300	2/-1	2/-2	2/0	5/2	7/6	7/6	5/4	4/3	3/2
Glen	5/1	4/0	5/1	8/5	10/8	9/7	8/6	6/5	6/4
Freezing Level*	600m	600m	700m	700m	800m	800m	900m	800m	800m

**Level above which ground is expected to be frozen/snow is expected to settle.*

Met Office Aberdeen Meteorologist's View
A return to winter on the tops. Fresh snow giving difficult underfoot conditions with correct footwear, clothing and equipment essential.

Forecast for Friday 14 Apr 2023
Weather: A chilly start with a grass frost. Mainly dry and bright morning then a few showers developing in the afternoon, some heavy with hail and also falling as snow above 800 or 900m. Becoming dry and clear through evening.

Maximum wind: South or Southwest 10 to 15mph.

Chance of cloud-free hill tops above 800m: 70%.

Low cloud and visibility: Mainly very good visibility. Patchy cloud down to 500m in showers.

Temperature: **Glens:** Minus 1C rising to 10C.
At 800m: Minus 2C rising to 3C.
Freezing level: 800m rising to 1000m.

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